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RE APPLICATION OF: Sang H. Ahn et al.

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FOR: MAINTENANCE OF PHOTORESIST ADHESION
AND ACTIVITY ON THE SURFACE OF
DIELECTRIC ARCS FOR 90 nm FEATURE SIZES

§ GROUP ART UNIT: 1756
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Date: November 30, 2006

AMENDMENT "C"
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

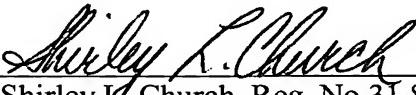
This Amendment "C" is in response to the Office Action mailed August 14, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response of November 14, 2006. A Petition for a One Month Extension of Time to respond accompanies this Amendment "C", to extend the time for response through December 14, 2006.

Claims 30 - 38 are pending in the application. Claims 30 - 38 are under final rejection.

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Claims 30 - 38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,927,178 to Kim et al.

Please amend the application as follows.